

SIMS CALLS ON HOOVER FOR VERIFICATION

Open Wage Conference Of Miners

High Cost of Living and "Closed Shop" Figure Importantly In Conference In New York.

New York, March 11.—The sub-committee of operators and miners appointed to negotiate a new wage agreement for the anthracite coal miners held its first conference here today. The sessions are expected to continue for several weeks before a definite decision is reached.

Neither miners nor operators are hopeful of an early decision, as no definite agreement will be reached until the bituminous coal commission hands down its award in the case of the soft coal miners.

Reports from the commission which is sitting in Washington, have failed to disclose what progress is being made.

The high cost of living will figure largely in the arguments of the miner workers for a sixty per cent. wage increase, it was stated today. Volumes of statistics have been gathered by the statisticians of the United Mine Workers to show that the mine workers' wages have not kept pace with the cost of living. This will be presented early in the sub-committee's conferences.

Mine union officials indicated today that the "closed shop" will be one of the demands that will be insisted upon in the new agreement. They contend that the union has served its "apprenticeship" in the anthracite field where they estimate that their membership includes 65 per cent. of all mine workers in the Pennsylvania hard coal region.

Up to the present time the operators have refused to comment or express their attitude toward the demands of the mine workers except to indicate that it will be impossible to meet them without increasing the price of coal.

The scale committee of the miners, numbering 37 men, has remained in New York in order to be in close touch with the representatives of the sub-committee and act in an advisory capacity should their services be needed.

LODGE 30 MAY AFFILIATE WITH N. Y. MACHINISTS

Because of the unsatisfactory answer which Robert Fechner, the member of the executive board of the I. A. M., gave to the Central Labor union last night, to the request of the Central Labor union that the differences between the two lodges of machinists in this city be adjusted, it is now almost certain that Lodge No. 30 will affiliate with the New York machinists in the organization of the Amalgamated Metal Workers of America. This organization will later become merged with the One Big Union which has been making great strides in membership in Canada and the northern states.

The Grand Lodge representative told the Central Labor union last night that the charter of No. 30 would be returned and the actions in court would be settled, but that the costs must be paid out of the funds now attached; that Lodge No. 30 would also have to pay 60 cents a week per member for each week since the charter was revoked and that no strike or sick benefits would be paid. The principal objection to the reply of the Grand Lodge was to their refusal to grant a trial to Sam Lavit.

At the meeting of Lodge No. 30, Friday night, Fechner and Organizer Donovan will explain the reply to the members. F. R. Knight of the One Big Union will also be present. The indications are that No. 30 will take action at this meeting towards joining the Amalgamated Metal Workers.

COAL STRIKE REPORT SENT TO PRESIDENT

Washington, March 11.—The report of the coal strike settlement commission was sent today to President Wilson for his approval before it is made public. Officials would not discuss its contents nor would they confirm reports that the commission had recommended an increase of 25 per cent. in wages of bituminous miners.

STEAMER AGROUND.

Tampa, Fla., March 11.—The naval wireless station here picked up a radio message today from the Ward Lane Esperanza saying she was aground on Madagascari Reef, off Progresso, Mexico.

STEAMER SAVED.

New York, March 11.—Rescue of the steamship Tye, disabled and short of provisions 100 miles east of Ambrose Channel, was reported today in a wireless message from the steamship Lake Markham to the Naval Communication Service here. The message said the Lake Markham had the Tye safely in tow and was heading for the Delaware Breakwater. The Lake Markham was on her way from Cuba to Boston with a cargo of sugar.

R.R. Unions Send Wilson List Of Representatives

MEN PICKED FOR THE LABOR BOARD AFTER LENGTHY ALTERCATION—RAILROAD EXECUTIVES AND PUBLIC NOT YET REPRESENTED

Washington, March 11.—Labor's nominations to the railroad labor board, the wage board of appeals on which the public will have representation, were submitted today to the President. There were ten names from which the President will select three to be sent to the Senate for confirmation along with three from the railroad executives and three representing the public. The railroad executives have not yet completed their list nor has the president selected the public group.

The shop crafts, one of the three groups into which the sixteen labor unions were divided, named only two men. None of the names was made public but it was learned that the shop crafts chose A. O. Wharton, President of the Railway Employees Department of Labor and B. M. Jewell, who during the time Mr. Wharton served as member of the railroad administration wage adjustment board acted as president of affiliated unions.

The union group with the exception of the shop crafts were reported to have been far from unanimous in the selection of their representatives. Each individual union fought vigorously to have its own choice included in the nominations and the controversy threatened to become serious until it was agreed that the names would be submitted to the White House without any indications from the unions as to their first and alternate selections.

Divorce Suit Diary Read In Court Today

The diary of Katherine Park, 804 Lafayette street, who for two months watched through a hole in the wall the movements of her sister-in-law, was read this morning when the trial of the divorce proceedings brought by Walker S. Kupper of this city against Ruth Kupper, was resumed before State Referee Rorack.

Mrs. Park lived next to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Kupper, and she said the hole was bored in the wall between the two houses when Kupper began to suspect his wife. He asked Mrs. Park to watch Mrs. Kupper and she did. Her observations with many caustic comments on Mrs. Kupper's actions were read by her to the court very slowly.

The diary was kept from March until May last year and Mrs. Park made careful note of the numerous times when Mrs. Kupper put on her best clothes and visited the Professional building on the same street, where Mrs. Kupper is accused of having met Dr. Philip J. Curran and Dr. Arthur Serfing.

It was the custom of Mrs. Park to watch her sister-in-law walk north on Lafayette street and then into the Professional building. Attorney E. J. McManus, counsel for Mrs. Kupper, asked the witness if she thought Mrs. Kupper had been guilty of improper conduct with Dr. Curran just because she went into the building with many others besides Dr. Curran.

The witness replied that she did think so. "Yet what she was doing might have been perfectly innocent," asked Attorney McManus.

"To any clean-minded person it would have seemed innocent, wouldn't it?"

"I don't know," was the answer.

Mrs. Park's diary reports of her sister-in-law's actions generally began with a description of what Mrs. Kupper wore.

A typical extract from the diary read like this: "She started out at 4:45 in the morning. Had on gray spats and shoes and her new black dress. Went into the Professional building and returned home at 11 o'clock. Took a bath."

"You couldn't see through the spy hole where she was dressing, could you?" asked Attorney McManus.

"No, sir," was the reply.

"You depended upon your inspection later for that?"

"Yes, sir."

Mrs. Park noted on one morning in May that Mrs. Kupper was "all dolled up" and that she carried a bunch of poodles as she went toward the Professional building. When Mrs. Kupper returned the witness wrote in her diary: "She is whistling and singing so she is happy today."

Attorney McManus wanted to know why Mrs. Park wrote that her sister-in-law was happy.

"Because she was generally cranky," was the reply.

"Well, you couldn't blame her, could you? That was because you inspected her?"

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Girl Bound And Gagged By Robbers

Unknown Thieves Get Little Loot—Father In Next Room Ignorant of Daughter's Plight.

Seizing Anna, the 14-year-old daughter of Tony Mieslanka, as she entered the rear door of her home, 501 Ogden street, about 10 o'clock last night, two unknown men bound and gagged the girl, and after ransacking the kitchen made off with \$15 which they discovered in a handbag. The robbery, which was one of the most daring that has ever been brought to the attention of the local police, was conducted with such little noise, that the girl's father, who was in an adjoining room knew nothing of the affair until he entered the kitchen and found his daughter lying helpless on the floor.

According to the story told to the police, Anna went out into the back yard about 10 o'clock last night for the purpose of taking in some clothes which were hanging on the line. She returned to the house a few minutes later with her arms full of clothes, and when she stepped inside the door was attacked by the two men. The clothes were thrown over her head to prevent her making an outcry, and in a few seconds the girl was securely bound hand and foot and a rough rag was thrust into her mouth. The marauders then ransacked the kitchen, but took nothing except a pocket-book containing \$15, which they discovered hanging on the wall. They departed without searching any other rooms in the house, and left the girl on the floor where they had thrown her.

About 15 minutes later, Anna's father, who had been in an adjoining room, entered the kitchen and discovered his daughter's condition. He immediately released her, and then telephoned to the Second precinct police station for aid. Officer Daniel J. Ryan was sent to the house, and he found the girl on the verge of a collapse. The sudden and ferocious attack of the thieves terrified her so thoroughly that she could not tell a coherent story of the robbery for some time. She later recovered enough to give the police some of the details, but was unable to furnish an accurate description of the men who attacked her. The girl was uninjured except for slight bruising she sustained when she was thrown to the floor.

DOESN'T FAVOR HUGE LOAN FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

Houston Says Bond Issue Might Result in Disaster.

Washington, March 11.—A bond issue of \$2,500,000,000 to pay adjusted compensation to former service men "might result in disaster," Secretary Houston today told the House Ways and Means Committee which is considering soldier relief legislation.

Increased taxes to extend aid to former service men was suggested by the secretary as "the least harmful way," but he said the proposed expenditure of two billion dollars "would be a serious one for people to confront at this time."

Further credit expansion which has been a factor in the upward trend of living costs would be inevitable if another bond issue were approved, he said.

The issuing of two billion dollars in bonds at this time would be "a much more serious proposition than it was during the war," Governor Harding of the federal reserve board told the committee.

"First there would be a lack of patriotism which helped in selling bonds during the war and secondly we would come into competition with all sorts of commercial investments," he said.

SEN. HITCHCOCK TO TAKE ISSUE WITH W. J. BRYAN

Lincoln, Neb., March 11.—W. J. Bryan's recent statement that if elected president he would not vote for the presidential nomination of U. S. Senator G. M. Hitchcock, has been replied to by J. H. Mithen, manager of a Hitchcock-for-president club with a statement that "Senator Hitchcock's friends welcome the issue" and "will meet Bryan in every precinct in Nebraska."

W. N. JOYCE ON FARM LOAN BOARD.

Washington, March 11.—William N. Joyce, of Berkeley, Cal., was nominated today by President Wilson to be a member of the federal farm loan board to succeed George W. Norris, resigned.

TREATY TANGLE STILL UNSOLVED

Washington, March 11.—With Senators on both sides of the treaty ratification fight disregarding the plans of their party leaders in their desire to reach a compromise on the much disputed Article Ten, the situation today appeared hopelessly confused. Tactful agreement was reached to forego a vote until something like order was restored in the conflicting negotiations.

Reservation Republicans and reservation Democrats have joined forces against irreconcilable foes of the treaty who have gone gunning for the compromise reservation to Article Ten which was to have been presented in the Senate yesterday but which their opposition forestalled. The split in the Democratic ranks has widened as a result of determination expressed by some members of the minority to give active support toward acceptance of the best compromise possible. Republicans claim that 23 Democratic votes can be mustered for the reservation to Article Ten.

JENKINS' CASE IS ONCE MORE IN LIMELIGHT

Mexican Says He Helped U. S. Consul Plan His Abduction.

Mexico City, March 11.—Procopio Palacios, described as being a rebel colonel and second in command to the bandit leader, Frederico Cordoba, under pressure of a "third degree" examination by the police of Puebla, yesterday told the inquirers that he carried letters from Cordoba to William O. Jenkins, former United States consul general at Puebla, for the purpose of arranging details for the kidnapping of Jenkins by Cordoba. Palacios was recently arrested at Puebla because of his alleged connections with the bandits.

Press dispatches from Puebla containing the foregoing information say that Palacios at first denied he was a member of Cordoba's band, asserting his frequent trips from Puebla to Cordoba's headquarters were for the purpose of selling merchandise to the outlaws. Under the police inspector's "third degree" examination, however, he was admitted to confessing the dispatch letters to Jenkins, the dispatch declares.

Palacios they declared also informed the authorities that another part took in the alleged conspiracy was to bring horses from Cordoba's camp to the Mayaguez factory near Puebla, where Jenkins met him and accompanied him to Cordoba's headquarters. The Puebla police plan to confront Jenkins with Palacios, the dispatch says.

PLAN WIRELESS NEWS SERVICE TO PORTO RICO

Washington, March 11.—A wireless news service to Porto Rico is planned by the navy department if Congress approves legislation authorizing the use of the naval radio service for commercial and press messages, Rear Admiral Bullard, in charge of naval communications, today told the House Merchant Marine committee.

"Porto Rico does not know what is doing in this country," declared the admiral, "and we must let them read American news. The island now is served with foreign news. The first thing we know we must have a state of unrest down there."

POPULATION FIGURES.

Washington, March 11.—Population statistics for 1920 issued today by the census bureau include:

Alexandria, Va., 18,060, an increase of 2,731 or 17.8 per cent. over 1910.

ARRESTED FOR NON-SUPPORT.

William Shaver of 556 William street was arrested last night at the request of the Pittsfield, Mass., authorities and is now being held on a charge of non-support. It is alleged that Shaver failed to provide for a wife and two children who are living in the Massachusetts city. He will be returned to Pittsfield today.

Villa Says He Kidnapped Men To Talk With Them

Washington, March 11.—Relatives and friends of Americans kidnapped by Pancho Villa need have no concern as to their safety, and may dismiss all fears that they may be held for ransom if they repose full confidence in a communication recently received from the Mexican bandit leader. According to his note of reassurance he has adopted the only practical means he can think of to get a friendly conversation with various representative Americans who cross his trail, and while they are his guests they will be treated with every consideration and returned unharmed and unrobbed to their friends.

Will Be Called In Near Future

Admiral Says Hoover's Testimony Will Back Up His Own—Familiarity With European Conditions Gives Him Intimate Knowledge of Situation, Claims Sims.

Washington, March 11.—Herbert Hoover will be called to testify in the Senate investigation of the navy's conduct of the war.

Rear Admiral Sims told the inquiry committee today that Mr. Hoover had an intimate knowledge of the situation in Europe at the time America entered the war and asked that he be summoned to substantiate the admiral's testimony with regard to the gravity of the allies position at that time.

Admiral Sims said he had received a note from Mr. Hoover saying he would be here Saturday and Chairman Hale agreed to call him on that day.

TWO WOMEN HURT AS TROLLEY AND JITNEY COLLIDE

One Has Baby in Arms—Both Escape Serious Injury.

Mrs. William E. Keegan, of 479 Bishop avenue and Mrs. Peter Brass, of 559 Hancock avenue, were slightly injured yesterday afternoon when a jitney bus in which they were riding was rammed by a trolley car at the corner of Main and John streets.

Leonard Zbytniewski, of Fairfield, driver of the public service machine, reported to the police that he had stopped his car at the corner of John and Main streets, upon a signal from the traffic officer, when it was suddenly struck from the rear by a trolley car. The two women who were injured were attempting to alight from the bus at the time of the crash, and were thrown back into the machine. Both were taken to the Emergency hospital where they received medical attention for cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Keegan had a baby in her arms at the time of the collision, but the child was uninjured. The jitney was not seriously damaged and no arrests have been made as yet.

SLAYER OF FOUR WOMEN DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Eddyville, Ky., March 11.—Petrie Kimbrough, alias Will Lockett, convicted slayer of Geneva Hardman and confessed slayer of four other women died in the electric chair at Eddyville prison at 4:32 a. m. today.

Guards appeared at Kimbrough's cell in death row at 4:14 a. m. and immediately escorted the negro to the chair house. There were slight signs of emotion in his face as he was placed in the electric chair and the black cap lowered over his head. The electric current killed him within fifteen seconds. He was pronounced dead at 4:32 a. m.

Two brothers of the Hardman girl and seventeen Lexington citizens, together with eight soldiers and twelve prison guards witnessed the execution. The negro refused to make a statement when he was taken from his cell. Continually, however, during the night he was heard praying aloud and singing religious hymns. He declared yesterday that he was ready to die and that he prayed for the little ten year old Hardman girl whom he killed and the entire Hardman family.

SPAIN SHORT OF FUEL.

Madrid, March 10.—Snowstorms continue throughout Spain, and there is much suffering because of the lack of fuel.

\$1,000,000 FOR FURS

Saranac Lake, N. Y., March 11.—Adirondack trappers received approximately \$1,000,000 for raw furs this winter, in the estimation of leading fur dealers in this region. One furrier alone paid \$65,000 for pelts.

SUE ON DRAWINGS.

Alleging that drawings of a piece of machinery were done in such an unsatisfactory manner that it was necessary to spend \$25.25 to have the work done elsewhere, the Bridgeport Elm & Machine Co. started suit in the Common Pleas court today against the Peasey Tool Co. of this city for \$3,000 damages. It was alleged that the Peasey Co. agreed to do the drawings for \$15 but refused to make corrections after being informed that the work was not satisfactory.

SIMS CLAIMS NAVY WITHHELD ITS HELP

Washington, March 11.—Indications that the navy department withheld sending all available American naval craft to European waters early in the war because of a desire to keep the main body of the nation's sea strength intact for possible eventualities were contained in Admiral Sims' testimony today before the Senate Committee investigating the naval conduct of the war.

A telegram from the navy department dated July 10, 1917, containing an outline of the department's policy and declaring that "while a successful termination of the present war must always be the first allied aim, and will probably result in diminished tension throughout the world, the future position of the United States must in no way be jeopardized by any disintegration of our main fighting fleet."

The same cablegram, Admiral Sims said, contained this statement: "The navy department announces as its general plan of action the following: Its willingness to send its minor fighting forces in any number not incompatible with home need to any field of active seemed advisable by the allied admiralty council, its unwillingness as a matter of policy to separate any division from the main fleet for service abroad, although it is willing to send the entire battleship fleet abroad in case as a united but co-operating unit when the emergency is deemed to warrant it."

With regard to this message and statement of policy Admiral Sims said it was the "first definite statement of policy I had received, arriving a few days over three months after we had declared war."

"The astounding features of this policy were, however, that while it (Continued on Page Eight.)

SAN SALVADOR JOINS LEAGUE

San Salvador, R. S., March 10.—The congress of Salvador today ratified the executive decree by which Salvador becomes a member of the League of Nations.

A list of the neutral nations invited to become members of the League of Nations cabled from London on Wednesday showed that all but two of the 13 nations non-signatories of the Versailles treaty, invited to become original members of the league, had definitely accepted. These two nations, the list showed, were Salvador and Venezuela. The definite action now taken by Salvador now leaves Venezuela as the only uncertainty on the list.

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